



Beatrice's Story

Beatrice is 23 years old and was born and raised in Cameroon by her parents alongside her four younger brothers. Beatrice attended school and after completing secondary school wanted to go on to study medicine and become a doctor to help those who were most in need.

As her parents could not afford for Beatrice to attend a University to study medicine, she attended a public school and went on to study Biochemistry. Following a false claim involving a theft of money from the University Beatrice was wrongly imprisoned and tortured not allowing her to finish school.

Beatrice was not offered any legal or medical support and was badly beaten as well as sexually exploited in prison. This had left Beatrice extremely traumatized and hopeless. After several months her uncle discovered that B was transferred into prison and immediately started to plan for her

After her release from prison Beatrice was flown out into the UK where she became a victim of human trafficking. Beatrice was held hostage and was forced into sexual exploitation. After a few months she managed to escape and was found by the police.

Beatrice was then transferred to Medaille Trust to help in her recovery process. Beatrice has been doing extremely well here at Medaille and she has been able to start her studies again towards medicine. Beatrice is extremely passionate about medicine and has completed free courses online to refresh her knowledge and skills. She has completed an online course studying about the human body and continues to read about basic anatomy and physiology.

Beatrice has developed very good independent studying habits and organizing skills. Beatrice has gone on to complete a self-confidence class boosting her skills and confidence to carry on attending university. She has also completed ESOL classes to help with her English speaking and writing skills. This has helped her to believe in herself and has developed good communication skills. Beatrice was accepted to a programme called HERA (Her Equality Rights and Autonomy). This has helped Beatrice with her mental health recovery through entrepreneurship training, mentoring and grant making programs.

Beatrice passion and belief lies in medicine and she has been accepted to Birbeck University through the compass fund. A caseworker at Medaille found out about the Compass Project which is a fund and mentoring scheme to help asylum seekers access higher education. Beatrice attended an open day with staff. After completing two personal statements and an interview Beatrice was accepted to start a foundation course studying Life Science for subject to Allied Medicine at Birbeck University starting this year in October. Although the Compass Project is very competitive, Beatrice was accepted and given full funding. This has given Beatrice hope and has given her aspirations for her future in medicine. Beatrice hopes to complete this foundation course and can continue her studies towards a degree in medicine.